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NOTE TO PARENTS

Based on the beloved Walt Disney motion picture *Sleeping Beauty*, this book focuses on the difficulties the prince has to overcome in order to claim his true love. Determined to marry the beautiful peasant girl he has met by chance in the forest, he is willing to go against his parents' wishes and—more dangerously—fight the evil fairy Maleficent, whose magic has imprisoned him.

Prince Phillip has the help of the three good fairies, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather. Disguised as peasants, they have raised this lovely girl, who is really Princess Aurora. The fairies are as determined as the prince is to free Aurora from Maleficent's spell and have her become his bride. They risk their own safety for their beloved Aurora.

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On Briar Rose's sixteenth birthday her guardians, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather, sent her out to pick berries in the woods.

"I know why they want me away from the cottage," Rose thought. "They are planning my birthday surprise."



What she didn't know was that Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather were really good fairies and that she was Princess Aurora. The fairies had taken her from her royal parents soon after birth, in order to save her from the curse of Maleficent, the evil fairy. They had brought the princess to a cottage deep in the forest and renamed her Briar Rose.

For sixteen years Maleficent's demons had scoured the kingdom for Princess Aurora, but they didn't find her. In fact, the cottage was so well hidden that no one ever came there.

The only playmates Briar Rose had were the forest creatures. Now, as she picked her berries, Rose sang to the birds, squirrels, and other animal friends.





By chance, a king's son who was riding through the forest heard the song. He rode over hill and across stream until he found Briar Rose. The moment they saw each other Rose and the prince, whose name was Phillip, fell in love.



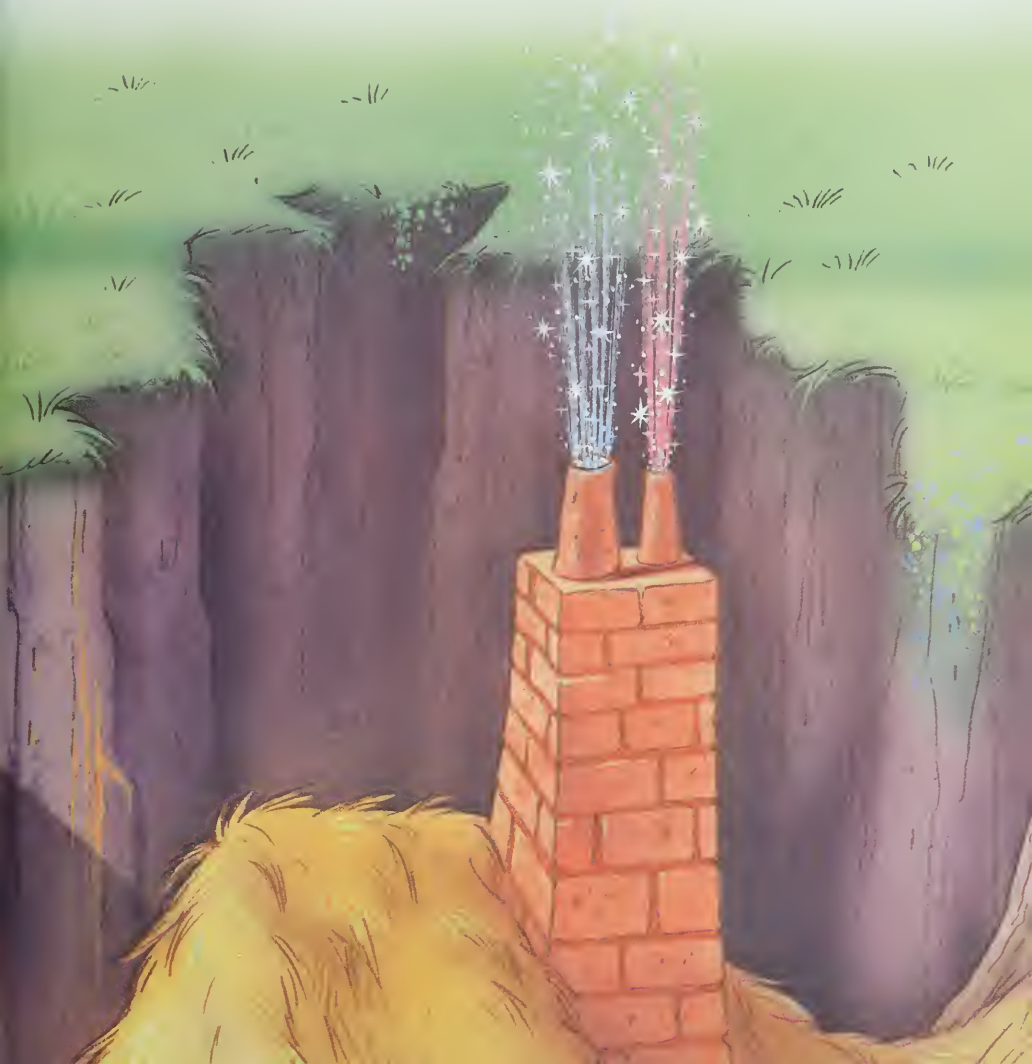
When Phillip asked Rose her name, she wanted to run away.

"I...am not allowed to talk to strangers," Briar Rose said. "I cannot tell you my name."

"But I must see you again!" the prince insisted. He was already determined to make her his bride.

Rose finally agreed. "All right. Meet me this evening." She told him how to find her cottage, and then she hurried home.

Meanwhile, Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather were using their fairy magic to make a fancy cake and gown for Rose's birthday surprise. They had been careful to lock all the doors and windows and block the keyholes, so that none of the magic would leak out. But they had forgotten to seal the chimney.



Briar Rose came up the path to the cottage, too much in love to notice the brilliant magical glow rising from the chimney. But a raven that Maleficent had sent to find the princess saw the glow and knew it was magic. Then the evil bird saw Rose.





By spying on her and the fairies, the raven heard Rose say, "I don't know his name. All I know is that he's wonderful!"

"Oh, no! You can't be in love," Flora declared.

"You're already betrothed to a prince," Fauna explained.

"Because you are Princess Aurora," Merryweather concluded.

Delighted, the raven flew off to tell Maleficent.



Aurora was too upset to enjoy her birthday surprise. She cried when the fairies told her they had to leave at once for the palace of her true parents, the king and queen.

"But my love will be coming here tonight," she protested.

"Now that you are to live as a princess, Aurora, you have royal duties," Merryweather said gently.

Then the fairies rushed Aurora to the palace, where they thought she would be safe under their watchful eyes.

When Phillip arrived at the cottage, it looked dark and empty. Suddenly dozens of furry hands grabbed at him from out of the darkness. Maleficent's henchmen tied the prince up and dragged him away to her dungeon.





In a castle atop the Forbidden Mountain, Maleficent enjoyed her triumph as Phillip struggled against his chains.

"Look, there is your beloved now," Maleficent hissed over her magic ball. "Little did you know that the girl in the woods was really Princess Aurora. Under my spell she has pricked her finger and fallen into a deep, deep sleep.



“And there she will sleep, in her parents’ palace, until love’s first kiss awakens her.” Maleficent’s voice choked with cruel laughter. “But you won’t get out of my dungeon for a hundred years!”



"We must do something!" the fairies declared when they found out what had happened.

"The only way to save Aurora..." began Flora.

"Is to rescue Prince Phillip," reasoned Fauna.

"And the only way to do that is...the Forbidden Mountain!" Merryweather exclaimed. "Oh, no! It's far too dangerous!"

But because they loved Aurora so much, the fairies were determined to save her—even if it meant braving the Forbidden Mountain, a horde of evil gnomes, and Maleficent herself.

Flora, Fauna, and Merryweather used their magic to shrink to the size of bumblebees. Then they buzzed through the terrifying castle until they found Prince Phillip.



Once they released Phillip from his chains, the fairies armed him with an enchanted sword—the Sword of Truth—and a magic shield—the Shield of Virtue.

“With these...” Flora began.

“And lots of determination...” added Merryweather.

“You will be able to defeat Maleficent,” Fauna concluded.

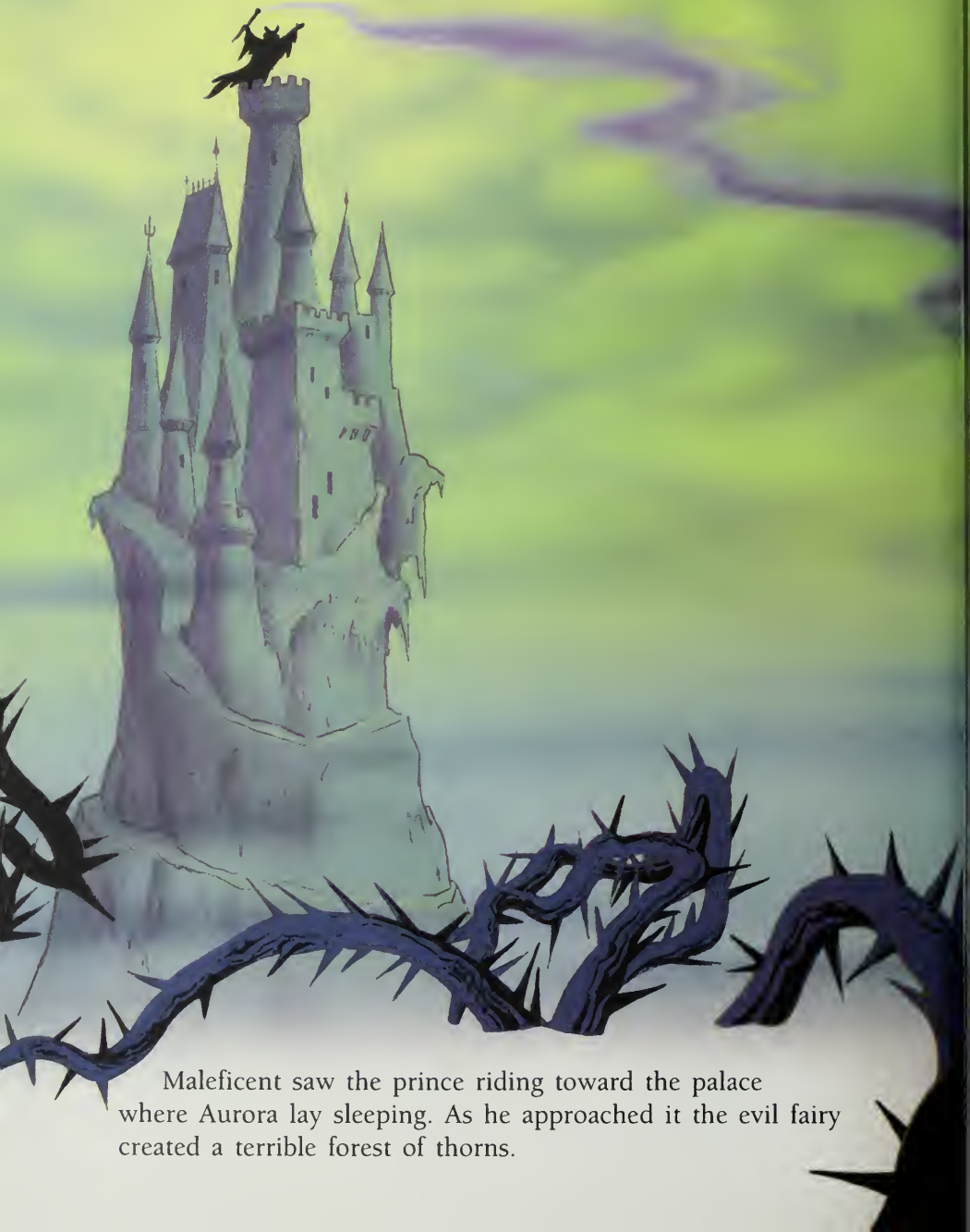




Phillip fought valiantly against the many gnomes guarding Maleficent's dungeon.

"Give up, you fool," Maleficent taunted from her high tower.

"Never!" shouted the prince. And with a great leap he and his horse cleared the drawbridge at the entrance to Maleficent's castle.



Maleficent saw the prince riding toward the palace where Aurora lay sleeping. As he approached it the evil fairy created a terrible forest of thorns.

"You'll never make it," Maleficent cackled.
Her heart filled with rage when she saw Phillip hacking
steadfastly through her thorns with the Sword of Truth.
"I must stop him once and for all!" she screamed.





In a ball of flame Maleficent appeared before the prince and changed into an enormous fire-breathing dragon. Burning thorns crackled all around Phillip's head as he struggled to defeat the dragon.



A blast of flame from the dragon knocked the shield from the prince's hand, but he kept fighting.

"For Aurora!" Phillip cried as he threw the Sword of Truth into the dragon's heart.

The ledge the dragon was standing on crumbled under its weight, and down the beast crashed, never to be seen again. The thorn forest suddenly dissolved into a mist. Because of the determination of Prince Phillip and the fairies, virtue, truth, and love had triumphed over Maleficent's evil.





The prince ran to the palace and climbed stair after stair until he reached the topmost tower. There, on a bed in a tiny room, lay Aurora.

Phillip's heart skipped a beat when he saw her. Then he bent over her and kissed her gently. The spell of eternal sleep was broken, and Aurora's eyes fluttered open.





A royal wedding took place soon afterward. Many people from the kingdom came to celebrate with Prince Phillip and Princess Aurora. And the prince and princess lived happily ever after.







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through these favorite stories from Walt Disney.

Generations of children have grown up with the classic motion pictures of Walt Disney. Children have been entertained by the fairy-tale characters and stories—and they've learned from them, too.

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